

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0235_15

Senator O'Neill provided in writing.

Question

NERA Heads of Agreement

Does the decision by the Government, not to fund years 5 and 6 of the NERA Heads of Agreement in the Budget nullify those Heads of Agreement, or the associated Bilateral Agreements with any state or territory? Particularly given the Budget has confirmed the Commonwealth's intention not to meet its funding commitments, outlined in those agreements?

Answer

Bilateral inter-governmental agreements on schools funding remain in place and will be reviewed as part of the formal negotiations on the schools funding arrangements to apply from 2018.